

## TERMS IN PRISON FOR 7 PROMOTERS

Heads of Sterling Debuture Company Sentenced; Three Known in Illinois.

### COURT SCORES ACTION

New York Jurist Says Men, Who Plead Penury, Made Millions by Fraud.

New York, April 8.—Seven former officers and agents of the Sterling Debuture company yesterday received prison sentences of from three to six years for using the United States mails to defraud investors in the stock of enterprises promoted by their corporation.

Among the men sentenced were George H. Middlebrook of Chicago, first vice president of the company, and two former Chicagoans, Frank Shumaker, a former president, and Elwyn A. Barron, a prospectus writer. Middlebrook and Shumaker were sentenced to six years in prison. Barron was given three years. Of the others, Harry H. H. Platt, a minor official, received a six year term; Benjamin Mudge, president of the Oxford Linen mills, North Brookfield, Mass., four years, and Wilbur M. Stone, a patent expert, and W. S. Edwards, three years.

Both Middlebrook and Shumaker are said to be alumni of Beloit college. Shumaker made a small fortune in the book business in Chicago before removing to New York.

Says Defendants Made Millions.

In sending the convicted men to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta Federal Judge Anderson declared that although the defendants maintained that they were penniless they had, in fact, made millions at the expense of thousands of victims throughout the country.

Among the charges made by the government were that the company sold \$1,200,000 worth of stock in the Oxford Linen mills and \$900,000 worth of stock in the Oxford Linen mattress company and the Eastbrook company. Dividends were paid out of money received by the sale of stock, the government asserted.

An alleged discovery by Mudge, who is a chemist and an inventor, of a process to make flax yarn from flax straw at an enormous saving was widely advertised by the Sterling company in its campaign for the sale of the linen mill stock.

Fine of \$10,000 Against Company. Judge Anderson directed that a fine of \$10,000 be entered against the Sterling Debuture corporation. If this money is uncollectable, it is under-

## Party Lines Vanish in Fight Over Canal Tolls



Western Democratic senators who oppose Wilson on canal tolls. Left to right: Pittman of Nevada, Thomas of Colorado, Ashurst of Arizona and Walsh of Montana.

Washington, April 8.—In the impending battle in the senate over the Panama tolls question, party lines will all but disappear. The fight against the repeal of the tolls clause is in the hands of Senator O'Gorman of New York, a democrat. Two of President Wilson's ablest defenders throughout the long weeks of debate will be Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Root of New York, both republicans. Several democratic senators from the far west have already announced their determination to fight the president to the very end. Among these may be mentioned Chamberlain of Oregon, Ashurst of Arizona, Thomas of Colorado and Walsh of Montana.

The fornic combat in the senate over the tolls issue promises to be his-

toric. It is certain that practically the entire senate will discuss the subject, primarily for the purpose of vindicating before the public the stand members will take and secondarily in the hope of converting wavering colleagues.

Ranged behind the president, besides Root and Lodge, will be senators like Owen and Burton and others who rank high as lawyers. Opposed to the president will be Senators O'Gorman, La Follette, Newlands, Polinder and men of equal ability.

The fact that there will be such an extensive debate indicates it will be several weeks before a vote is taken by the senate upon the repeal bill.

The president has let it be understood that he does not want any

amendment made to the bill as passed by the house. He has rejected the so-called "interpretations" of American policy in connection with the canal proposed by Senator Lewis of Illinois and Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire.

The administration is confident it will have a substantial majority when the roll is called. This optimistic view is taken despite the fact that there have been several defections from the president within the past week. Senator O'Gorman and those associated with him predict that there will be further defections as the senate begins to hear from the country. The administration is equally confident that it will gain strength as the discussion progresses.

## DAY IN DAVENPORT

Son and Mother Clash.—"My son struck me in the mouth and called me the vilest names possible. He has beaten me five or six times," cried Mrs. Ida Hall in police court yesterday. As the judge announced a continuance of the case for a week, the mother staggered into the ante room, mired and sank to the floor, senseless. Her children, who had acted as witnesses, rushed to the stricken woman's assistance, but all efforts to restore her to consciousness were unavailing. She remained in a stupor, her muscles twitching convulsively, her breath coming in short gasps. Dr. J. C. Murphy was summoned and administered restoratives, but the victim remained in a state of coma. The city ambulance was called and Mrs. Hall was removed to her home, 299 Brown street. Her condition is critical. Members of the family stated that she had been subject to such attacks in the past, her heart being weak, but that had never witnessed any as severe. Mrs. Hall and her son, Raymond, had previously been arraigned on a charge of disturbing the peace. According to testimony given, Raymond struck his mother in the mouth, following a wordy battle, and Mrs. Hall reciprocated by belaboring her offspring over the head with a carpet beater. The fight took place Sunday morning. According to witnesses, Mrs. Hall had attempted to separate her son and his wife, who reside in another part of the house, and there had been blood for some time. Magistrate Roddewig continued the case for a week and ordered Raymond to find new quarters during the interim.

Expert Advice Free.—The Rotary club has made arrangements with an expert gardener to answer any inquiry relative to selection, planting and care of flowers and shrubs absolutely free. Those who desire any information relative to the improvement of their home to be had for the asking. All that is necessary is to drop a line to W. T. Waterman, chairman "Yard Contest Committee," Lane building, and the information will be given at once.

County Will Build Eight Bridges.—Bids on eight bridges, which will cost the county approximately \$5,000, will be advertised for by the board of supervisors. Specifications for the bridges have been made out by County Engineer John Malloy. They will be built in Princeton, Davenport, Butler, LeClaire, Winfield, Lincoln and two in Liberty townships. Contracts for the eight bridges will probably be let the 20th of this month.

Postpone Action on Macadam Road.—Action on the paving of a mile of road east of Bettendorf was postponed by the board of supervisors following a discussion of the matter. Several of the residents along the road petitioned for the county to pave with brick and offered to pay part of the expense. It is estimated that the cost would be close to \$15,000. The supervisors indicated that all they would do would be to bring the road to grade and allow the private parties interested to pay for the brick paving or that

the county would proceed with its original intention of macadamizing the strip.

Famous Baritone at St. Ambrose April 16.—Thomas Egan, the famous Irish tenor and a brother of Ned Egan, manager of the Ottumwa baseball club now in this city, will give a concert at St. Ambrose college Thursday evening April 16. Mr. Egan has toured Europe with the Royal Italian Opera company, singing leading roles in various operas. He is noted for his ability to sing Irish songs, but will also include French and Spanish selections in his program in this city.

Martin Gets Cigar Stand in Blackhawk.—George H. Martin added further laurels to his successful career as a cigar merchant by securing a 20-year contract for the entire cigar privileges in the fine new Hotel Blackhawk to be erected at Third and Perry streets. It is expected to have half a dozen stands scattered throughout the building, and all will be operated by Mr. Martin. The securing of the Blackhawk gives Mr. Martin eight cigar stands in the tri-city.

In District Court.—The case of E. E. Campbell against Frank L. Campbell has been dismissed by the plaintiff through Attorneys Ruyman and Ruyman. Judge Donegan has issued a decree of divorce in the case of Martin Stecht against Mary Stecht. Statutory grounds were alleged by the plaintiff.

A decree was issued by Judge Donegan modifying the divorce of Marie Barker against Albert Barker by refusing the defendant rights over the minor child, Edward.

Obituary Record.—Word was received in the city of the death in Chicago of Clifford Reid, a former Davenport resident. Deceased was a son of the late Dr. J. A. Reid and a sister of Mrs. Lillian Reid-Cameron.

Mrs. J. H. Harrison, 1711 Grand avenue, is in receipt of the sad intelligence of the death of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Minnie Harrison Judd, which occurred at Reno, Nev., at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Death followed a surgical operation. Deceased was born in Carrollton, Ky., Feb. 26, 1866, and came to Davenport with her parents when a child of 2 years. She was reared and educated in Davenport, and in this city on April 29, 1885, was united in marriage to Oscar P. Judd. Surviving are the bereaved husband and four children. There are Edith, now

## DIRECT VOTE FOR NAMING SENATORS

Campaigns in States Already Have Been Opened and Bitter Struggles Are Seen.

### WILL SELECT 33 MEMBERS

Bradley, Gallinger and Root May Not Make an Effort to Return to Old Places.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Thirty-three United States senators are to be elected this year by direct vote of the people in the first general test of the seventeenth amendment to the constitution.

Terms of thirty-one present members of the Senate expire March 3 next, and in addition to these successors must be chosen to the late Senator Johnston of Alabama and the late Senator Bacon of Georgia. In each state two senators will be elected. In Louisiana, although Senator Thornton's term expires, there will be no election, because Representative Broussard has been elected to the Louisiana seat.

Senators whose terms expire are: Democrats—George E. Chamberlain, Oregon; James P. Clark, Arkansas; Duncan U. Fletcher, Florida; Thomas P. Gore, Oklahoma; Francis G. Newlands, Nevada; Lee S. Overman, North Carolina; Benjamin F. Shively, Indiana; Ellison D. Smith, South Carolina; Hoke Smith, Georgia; John Walter Smith, Maryland; Marcus A. Smith, Arizona; William J. Stone, Missouri; Charles S. Thomas, Colorado; and John R. Thornton, Louisiana.

Republicans—William O. Bradley, Kentucky; James H. Brady, Idaho; Frank B. Brandegee, Connecticut; Joseph L. Bristow, Kansas; Theodore E. Burton, Ohio; Coe I. Crawford, South Dakota; Albert B. Cummins, Iowa; William P. Dillingham, Vermont; Jacob H. Gallinger, New Hampshire; Asle J. Gronna, North Dakota; Wesley L. Jones, Washington; Boies Penrose, Pennsylvania; George C. Perkins, California; Elihu Root, New York; Lawrence V. Sherman, Illinois; Reed Smoot, Utah; Isaac Stephenson, Wisconsin.

Seek to Succeed Selves.

Most of the republicans whose terms expire are candidates to succeed themselves, although there have been rumors that Senators Bradley of Kentucky, Gallinger of New Hampshire and Root of New York might retire.

Senator Crawford of South Dakota has just been defeated in the primary fight for nomination, losing to Charles Henry Burke.

Of the democrats whose terms expire all except Senator Thornton are candidates to succeed themselves. Senator Clark already have been nominated.

The fight in Pennsylvania already is booming. The outlook is that Senator Penrose will be nominated by the Republicans, Representative A. Mitchell Palmer by the democrats and Gifford Pinchot as the candidate of the progressive element.

Mrs. Earl Harper of California, Harrison, Francis and Helen Judd at home. Also surviving are the mother, Mrs. J. H. Harrison of Davenport and five sisters and two brothers. These are Mrs. W. H. Snider, Davenport; Mrs. Cora H. Schaeffer, Ft. Madison; Miss Julia, Davenport; Mrs. Sadie Teeters, Iowa City; Mrs. Fanny Powell, Edward, and Wilfred H. Harrison, all of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Altman, 1513 Perry street, departed yesterday for Lyons, Iowa, being called there by the death of Mr. Altman's sister, Mrs. Esther McCullough. Deceased had passed the 84th milestone in life's journey, and death was due to the infirmities incident to these advanced years. Mrs. McCullough, who was a former resident of Davenport, was born in Indiana county, Penn., Feb. 24, 1829. For the past 35 years she has resided in Lyons. Four years ago Mrs. McCullough at the age of 80 years made a trip to Tacoma, Wash., and three years ago she visited the scenes of her childhood in Pennsylvania. Surviving are two sons, three daughters, two sisters and four brothers.

Following a lingering illness, Mrs. Anna Thomas, 61 years old, died at the family home, 2624 Bowditch street. She was born Jan. 11, 1853, in Marne, Holstein, Germany. She was married Jan. 29, 1877, to John H. Thomas, who survives. The couple came to the United States April 12, 1887, directly to Davenport, and has since resided here. She was a member of the Lutheran church, and was educated in Davenport. In addition to the husband she is survived by three sons, John P., William H., and Louis H. Thomas, a sister, Mrs. Mathilda Hassler of Laverne, Minn., and two brothers, Reimer Mathstet of Davenport and John Mathstet of Holstein, Germany.

Franklyn V. Hurto, a former resident of Davenport, died at Lake Shore hospital, Chicago, as the result of pneumonia, according to advices received here. He had been ill two weeks. Deceased was born Sept. 3, 1852, in Columbia, N. J., the son of John and Lydia Hurto. In the year 1859 he came with his parents to Iowa and the family settled on a farm on Jersey ridge road. For a number of years he resided in Davenport, but for the past eight years has been a merchant in Chicago. He is survived by three children, Clyde and Samuel of Chicago, and Elsie of San Francisco, two brothers, J. Nelson of Marshalltown and Samuel Hurto of Davenport, besides a number of nieces and nephews.

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## ALBANIA'S NEW KING SETTLES DOWN TO HIS JOB, WHICH IS BY NO MEANS EASY



King and Queen of Albania on steps of royal palace at Durazzo.

Durazzo, Albania, April 8.—Prince William of Wied, who lately became William I of Albania, with his consort, Princess Sophie, has settled down to his duties as ruler of the new state in his very modest capital, Durazzo, and they are making the best of their very primitive palace.

The task of ruler of this turbulent principality is no easy one, and William has already discovered that his crown, in spite of the backing of England, Germany, France, Italy and Russia, is liable to be far from a comfortable one. In fact, William admitted in his speech of acceptance of the throne that he realized the difficulties that confronted him. Not only are the people unaccustomed to a reign of law and order, but in the south the people of Epirus resent bitterly being embraced in Albania.

Albania is as medieval a country as was to be found in western Europe

300 years ago. The people are Mohammedan. A story is current that a deputation of Albanian nobles called upon their new king soon after he arrived and gravely rebuked him for his "immoral private life."

William stared in amazement, and then this colloquy is said to have occurred: "Your majesty knows that the majority of your subjects are Musselmans. Hence the majority feels shocked because you have only one wife. It appears to them petty, uncharitable and actually immoral, since no king should be satisfied with one wife."

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